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1. The MOSCOW-ISMAILOVO (37°48' E/55°48' N) airfield was located northeast of the town, a few miles northeast of Aircraft Engine Plant No 45.
2. Intensive flying with jet-propelled aircraft has been observed over the airfield [REDACTED] Description of aircraft (see Annex): Low-wing monoplane with jet-propulsion unit; slim, stream-lined fuselage, cross-section round at the fore, oval-shaped in the middle; air intake aperture at the front, air exit aperture at rear; wings and elevator assembly considerably swept back and slightly dihedral; front compartment of fuselage noticeably long and rudder assembly strikingly small; dull light-gray paint. This aircraft type, which was very fast and relatively well maneuverable, was smaller than the Me-109 and had a more stream-lined shape. The aircraft, of which up to six were frequently observed in the air, flew even in rainy weather. +
3. Individual twin-engine transport aircraft also landed at the airfield. Description: Long slim fuselage; full-view cockpit; trapezoidal, slightly swept back and dihedral wings, rounded off wing tips. These aircraft were smaller than the Ju-52 and faster than the Douglas. ++

[REDACTED] Comment:

a. The jet-fighter type observed at the MOSCOW-ISMAILOVO airfield seems to be of the 1948 model. The main and characteristic features of the jet fighters which were built in 1948 are the internal power plant and the considerable sweepback both of the wings and the rudder assembly. Their type cannot be determined since almost all Soviet jet fighters have very similar features.

++ b. The observed twin-engine aircraft are possibly IL-12s.

1 Annex: Jet-Propelled Aircraft Observed Over the MOSCOW-ISMAILOVO Airfield.

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